

## Mercury Theater on the Air/ Campbell Playhouse

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Various Mercury Players performed in all the shows from 7/11/38 – 3/31/40. At different times, Mercury Players and supporting cast consisted of Orson Welles, George Coulouris, Agnes Moorehead, Martin Gabel, Ray Collins, Arthur Anderson, Richard Wilson, Eustace Wyatt, Edgar Barrier, Joseph Cotten, Karl Swenson, Alice Frost, Frank Readick, Elliot Reid, Everett Sloane, Georgia Backus, Virginia Welles (Anna Stafford), Alfred Shirley, Erskine Sanford.

Circulating Shows are indicated by an asterisk (\*)

**7/11/38 – 9/5/38**

**Sus, CBS, Monday, 9 pm, 60m**

### First Person Singular

Directed by Orson Welles; Scripts written by Welles, John Housman and Paul Stewart; Announcer was Dan Seymour; Orchestra conducted by Bernard Hermann until 3/31/40; orchestra occasionally conducted by Alexander Semmler during this time

Changes in the above will be indicated

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Some Cast Members</b>	<b>Author</b>
7/11/38*	Dracula	Welles, Elizabeth Farrell	Bram Stoker
7/18/38*	Treasure Island	Welles, A. Anderson	Robert L. Stevenson
7/25/38*	A Tale of Two Cities	Welles, M. Gabel	Charles Dickens
8/1/38*	The Thirty-nine Steps	Orson Welles	John Buchan
8/8/38*	I'm a Fool	Welles, Edgar Barrier, Ray Collins	Sherwood Anderson
	The Open Window		Saki
	My Little Boy		Carl Ewald
8/15/38*	Abraham Lincoln	Welles, R. Collins, Karl Swenson	John Drinkwater
8/22/38*	The Affairs of Anatole	Welles, Alice Frost, Arlene Francis	Arthur Schnitzler
8/29/38	The Count of Monte Cristo	Welles, R. Collins, G. Coulouris	Alexander Dumas
9/5/38*	The Man Who Was Thursday	Welles, E. Wyatt, Paul Stewart	G. K. Chesterton

9/11/38 – 12/4/38

Sus, CBS, Sunday, 8 pm, 60m

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Date	Title	Some Cast Members	Author
9/11/38*	Julius Caesar	Welles, H.V. Kaltenborn	William Shakespeare
9/18/38*	Jane Eyre	Welles, A. Moorehead	Charlotte Bronte
9/25/38*	Sherlock Holmes	Welles, R. Collins. R Wilson	William Gillette
10/2/38	Oliver Twist		Charles Dickens
10/9/38*	Hell on Ice		Edward Ellsberg
10/16/38*	Seventeen	Welles, Betty Garde, Elliott Reid	Booth Tarkington
10/23/38*	Around the World in 80 Days	Welles, R. Collins, Stefan Schnabel	Jules Verne
10/30/38*	The War of the Worlds	Welles, F. Readick, Bill Herz	H. G. Welles
11/6/38*	Heart of Darkness	Welles, R. Collins, Alfred Shirley,	Joseph Conrad
	Life with Father	G Coulouris, E. Barrier,	Clarence Day
	The Gift of the Magi	William Alland	O Henry
11/13/38*	A Passenger to Bali		Ellis St. Joseph
11/20/38*	Pickwick Papers	Welles, R. Collins, E. Reid	Charles Dickens
11/27/38	Clarence		Booth Tarkington
12/4/38	The Bridge at San Louis Ray		Thornton Wilder

12/9/38 – 6/2/39

Campbell, CBS, Friday, 9 pm, 60m

### Campbell Playhouse

Programs now had one or more guest stars with the Mercury Players supporting. The cast now mentions the guest stars. Often the author was interview on the air. Paul Stewart directed; Welles, John Housman and Howard Koch wrote the scripts; Niles Welch announced

Date	Title	Some Cast Members	Author
12/9/38*	Rebecca	Margaret Sullavan	Daphne duMaurier
12/16/38	Call it a Day	Beatrice Lillie, Jane Wyatt	Dorothy Gladys Smith
12/23/38*	A Christmas Carol	Welles, J Cotten, Hiram Sherman	Charles Dickens
12/30/38	A Farewell to Arms	Katherine Hepburn	Ernest Hemingway
1/6/39*	Counsellor at Law	Aline MacMahon, Gertrude Berg	Elmer L. Rice
1/13/39*	Mutiny on the Bounty	Welles, J Cotten	Nordoff and Hall
1/20/39	Chicken Wagon Family	Burgess Meredith	Berry Benefield
1/27/39*	I Lost My Girlish Laughter	George S. Kaufman, Ilka Chase Tamara Geva	Jane Allen
2/3/39*	Arrowsmith	Helen Hayes	Sinclair Lewis
2/10/39*	The Green Goddess	Madeleine Carroll	William Archer
2/17/39	Burlesque	Sam Levene, Arthur Hopkins (Talk)	Arthur Hopkins, James Watters

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2/24/39	State Fair	Amos and Andy, Burgess Meredith	Philip Stong
3/3/39	Royal Regiment	Mary Astor	Gilbert Frankeau
3/10/39*	The Glass Key	Welles, R Collins (Interview with Warden Lewis Lawes)	Dashiell Hammett
3/17/39*	Beau Geste	Laurence Olivier, Noah Beery	Percival C. Wren
3/24/39*	Twentieth Century	Elissa Landi, Sam Levene	Charles MacArthur, Ben Hecht
3/31/39*	Show Boat	Margaret Sullavan, Helen Morgan	Edna Ferber
4/7/39	Les Miserables	Walter Huston	Victor Hugo
4/14/39*	The Patriot	Anna May Wong	Pearl Buck
4/21/39*	Private Lives	Gertrude Lawrence	Noel Coward
4/28/39	Black Daniel	Joan Bennett	Honore Marrow
5/5/39*	Wickford Point	Welles, A. Moorehead, Linda Watkins	John P. Marquand
5/12/39*	Our Town	John Craven	Thornton Wilder
5/19/39*	The Bad Man	Ida Lupino	Porter Emerson Browne
5/26/39*	The Things We Have	Cornelia Otis Skinner	Orson Welles
6/2/39*	Victoria Regina	Helen Hayes	Laurence Housman

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Orson Welles or John Housman directed; Ernest Chappell announced; John Housman wrote the scripts

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9/10/39*	Peter Ibbetsen	Helen Hayes	Gerald duMaurier
9/17/39*	Ah, Wilderness	Arlene Francis	Eugene O'Neill
9/24/39*	What Every Woman Knows	Helen Hayes	J. M. Barrie
10/1/39*	The Count of Monte Cristo (Repeat)	Welles, E. Sloane, R. Wilson	Alexander Dumas
10/8/39*	Algiers	Paulette Godard	John Howard Lawson
10/15/39*	The Escape	Wendy Barrie	John Galsworthy
10/22/39*	Lilliom	Helen Hayes	Ferenc Molnar
10/29/39*	The Magnificent Ambersons	Walter Huston	Booth Tarkington
11/5/39*	The Hurricane	Mary Astor	Nordhoff and Hall
11/12/39*	The Murder of Roger Ackroyd	Edna May Oliver	Agatha Christie
11/19/39*	The Garden of Allah	Madeleine Carroll	Robert Hichens
11/26/39*	Dodsworth	Fay Bainter, Nan Sunderland	Sinclair Lewis
12/3/39*	Lost Horizon	Sigrid Gurie, Ronald Colman	James Hilton
12/10/39*	Vanessa: Her Love Story	Helen Hayes	Hugh Walpole
12/17/39*	There's Always a Woman	Marie Wilson	Gladys Lehman
12/24/39*	A Christmas Carol	Lionel Barrymore	Charles Dickens
12/31/39	Come and Get It	Frances Dee	Edna Ferber

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1/7/40	Vanity Fair	Helen Hayes	William Thackeray
1/14/40*	Theodora Goes Wild	Loretta Young	Mary McCarthy
1/21/40*	The Citadel	Geraldine Fitzgerald	A. J. Cronin
1/28/40*	It Happened One Night	William Powell, Miriam Hopkins	Samuel Hopkins Adams
2/4/40*	Broome Stages	Helen Hayes	Clemence Dane
2/11/40*	Mr. Deeds Goes to Town	Gertrude Lawrence	Clarence Budington Kelland
2/18/40*	Dinner at Eight	Lucille Ball, Hedda Hopper	George S. Kaufman, Edna Ferber
2/25/40*	Only Angels Have Wings	Joan Blondell	Howard Hawks, Jules Furthman
3/3/40*	Rabble in Arms	Frances Dee	Kenneth Roberts
3/10/40*	Craig's Wife	Welles, Ann Harding, Regis Toomey	George Kelly
3/17/40*	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Jackie Cooper	Mark Twain
3/24/40*	June Moon	Jack Benny	Ring Lardner, George S. Kaufman
3/31/30*	Jane Eyre	Madeleine Carroll	Charlotte Bronte

**11/29/40 - 6/13/41**

**Campbell, CBS, Friday, 9:30 pm, 30m**

### **Campbell Playhouse**

This series did not involve Orson Welles; George Zachary directed; John Houseman and Willis Cooper wrote the scripts; Del Sharbutt announced; Lyn Murray conducted the orchestra  
None of these shows are known to exist.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Some Cast Members</b>	<b>Author</b>
11/29/40	Air Mail to Red Riding Hood	Humphrey Bogart, Miriam Hopkins	Vina Delmar
12/6/40	Kind Lady	Grace George, Herbert Marshall	
12/13/40	Doctor in the House	Frederic March, Florence Eldridge	
12/20/40	A Christmas Carol	Lionel Barrymore	Charles Dickens
12/27/40	Pygmalion	Vivien Leigh, Laurence Olivier	George B. Shaw
1/3/41	Personal Appearance	Roseland Russell, Donald Cook	
1/10/41	The Go-Getter	Helen Twelvetrees, Randolph Scott, Frank Morgan	
1/17/41	Free Soul	George Raft, Frances Farmer	
1/24/41	Golden Boy	Sylvia Sidney, Luther Adler	Clifford Odets
1/31/41	Mrs. Fane Comes of Age	Mary Astor, William Gargan	
2/7/41	Option on San Felipe	Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.	
2/14/41	Master Mariner	Walter Huston	
2/21/41	Wreck on Deliverance	Jeanette Macdonald, Gene Raymons	

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2/28/41	Crime Syndicate	Paul Muni	
3/7/41	You and I	Walter Huston	
3/14/41	Purple and Fine Linen	John Beal, Gale Page	
3/21/41	Excess Baggage	Wendy Barrie, Dick Powell	
3/28/41	Let Us Be Gay	Madeleine Carroll	
4/4/41	Nervous Wreck	Eddie Cantor	Owen Davis
4/11/41	My Client Curley	Fred Allen, Beatrice Kay, Jack Grimes	Norman Corwin
4/18/41	The Talley Method	Tallulah Bankhead, Philip Merivale	
4/25/41	Do Not Disturb	Ellery Queen Radio Cast	Ellery Queen
5/2/41	One-Way Passage	William Powell	
5/9/41	Springtime for Henry	David Lewis, Alan Mowbray	
5/16/41	Alien Corn	Ruth Chatterton	Somerset Maugham
5/23/41	Woung Woodley	Judith anderson	John Van Bruten
5/30/41	The Hero	Henry Hull	
6/6/41	Tarnish	Jean Ellyn	
6/13/41	Green Grow the Lilacs	Burgess Meredith, June Walker	